

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

September 22, 2015

Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among American men. This year, approximately 21,060 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, and more than 3,180 men are expected to die. Nearly 60% of prostate cancers are diagnosed among men aged 65 and older. African American men are especially at high risk.

It doesn't have to be that way. Decades of innovative research have helped to reduce prostate cancer's mortality through more effective prevention, detection and treatment. By working to raise awareness of prostate cancer, we can help men make better, more informed decisions about their health.

To achieve that goal, the California Prostate Cancer Coalition, an all-volunteer non-profit organization, is promoting September as Prostate Cancer Awareness month so that all California men, and the people who care about them can know that prostate cancer can be prevented, can be detected through screening, and can be cured.

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I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim September 22-October 21, 2015 as Prostate Cancer Awareness month
In Los Angeles County;
2. Approve and encourage posting of the attached proclamation in County facilities;
3. Urge all men, especially those at high risk, to talk with their health care providers
about the benefits of prostate cancer prevention, screening and early detection
and treatment;
4. Commend the California Prostate Cancer Coalition's volunteers for their efforts to
heighten awareness throughout our State that prostate cancer, detected early, is
highly treatable.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Proclamation

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month – September 22- October 21, 2015

1 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men aside from skin cancer, and it is estimated 1 in 7 men will develop this disease in their lifetime; and

2 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 220,800 new cases of prostate cancer in the USA in 2015, resulting in an estimated 27,540 deaths; and

3 WHEREAS, it is estimated 21,060 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 3,180 California men will die from this disease; and

4 WHEREAS, African American men have the highest prostate cancer incidence rates in the world and their prostate cancer death rate in the USA is more than twice that of any other ethnic group of men; and

5 WHEREAS, early prostate cancer usually has no symptoms and studies suggest strong familial predisposition may be responsible for 5% to 10% of the disease cases; and

6 WHEREAS, recent studies suggest that a diet high in processed meat or dairy foods may be a risk factor, and obesity appears to increase risk of aggressive prostate cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, the survival rate approaches 100% when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 28% when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and

8 WHEREAS, treatment options for prostate cancer vary depending on a man's age, stage and grade of his cancer, as well as his other existing medical conditions; and

9 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that men should have an opportunity to make an informed decision about whether to be tested for prostate cancer based on their personal values and preferences, and

10 WHEREAS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY joins communities across our nation to increase the awareness about the importance for men to make an informed decision with their health care provider about early detection and testing for prostate cancer;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby designates September 22, 2015 through October 21, 2015 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Los Angeles County.

More information about prostate cancer is available

at the American Cancer Society's web site, www.cancer.org

and the National Cancer Institute's web site, at www.Cancer.gov/types/prostate.